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TO-MORROW



Bustamante says KEEP OUT!

by J. P. GALLAGHER

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica. TWENTY-FOUR hours before the start of the momentous Caribbean Conference, which aimed to federate Britain's West Indian islands into a seventh Dominion of the Crown, the man who thinks he can break the plan began to try.

In a letter to Arthur Creech Jones, Colonial Secretary, who came here to address the conference, Alexander Bustamante, "de facto" Premier of Jamaica, firebrand Labour leader who must now put up the biggest battle of his stormy career if he wants to keep power, broke silence.

As one of Jamaica's delegates to the conference, he said: "The time has come for this island to demand individual self-government. It is an admitted fact that of all nations on earth the British seem the best, but even then, because Britain has been responsible for keeping this island in slums and ignorance and deprived its people of better colonial privileges, Britain is no longer a suitable and proper nation to govern Jamaica. No nation is fit to govern another nation."

A LETTER FROM AMERICA

'Mr. Dither' at the helm

by GERALD JOHNSON

PRESIDENT TRUMAN has developed Mr. Micawber's bland confidence that something may be expected to turn up, and that is the foreign policy of the United States at this moment.

Earnest souls are appalled but helpless. Secretary Marshall is left holding an empty bag.

Henry Wallace is storming through New England incomprehensibly denouncing Marshall for being a general.

Senator Vandenberg has grimly ordered the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to assemble in Washington by November 10, knowing that it will be powerless.

He does nothing

MOST of the great newspapers are howling for action, but the President is not acting.

The explanation is simple but not reassuring. His advisers have convinced Mr. Truman that by refusing to call Congress into extra session he may place the burden of action upon the Opposition.

The President alone has the power to summon Congress, but at the time of the adjournment last summer it was agreed that if Republican leaders asked for an extra session he would call it.

Now he is waiting for them to ask, on the theory that by asking they will assume a larger share of responsibility for what may happen.

Some of them, notably the followers of Senator Taft, are determined not to assume that responsibility, and this jockeying for political advantage has resulted in a stalemate.

Neither Truman nor Taft is acting in ignorance. The President's information is doubtless more comprehensive than the Senator's, but Taft has had access to adequate reports from Europe. So has every newspaper reader in the country.

Nor is it likely that either man is cynically gambling with the fate of the world. They are not cynical; they are merely sceptical.

They simply do not believe that the crisis is as desperate as it has been represented.

They remember

THIS is probably an echo from events of a quarter of a century ago. Vast numbers of Americans, especially in the Middle West, believe that after the first world war they were robbed and robbed by the European nations.

Germany alone is supposed to have received millions on the plea that without it her economy would collapse—and not a dollar was ever recovered.

That memory breaks the force of today's assertions that the economy of western Europe is collapsing.

Truman has dismissed some—and been deserted by the rest—of the men who advised Roosevelt.

His counsellors now consist of army officers and civilians of his own selection.

Few of them are men of impressive attainments. They are not likely to urge him to assume the risks that would be involved in a bold, decisive course.

A conspicuous exception is the Secretary of State, but his influence apparently is no longer controlling. The situation has developed into a contest between Marshall and Vandenberg, both demanding action, on one side—and Truman and Taft, both committed to inaction, on the other.

Since Truman and Marshall belong to the Administration and Taft and Vandenberg to the Opposition, party government has collapsed into inextinguishable confusion.

Petty insults

SO we give the Russians a superb opportunity, and they are having a wonderful time.

But they are overplaying their hand.

Vysinskiy and Molotov are not equipped with the suave competence of Litvinov.

Their method is not that of the deadly thrust but of petty insult that does little damage but arouses great anger.

The result is they have almost destroyed the influence of anyone who dares to say a friendly word for Russia.

Even Mr. Wallace is compelled to explain to his audiences that he holds no brief for Molotov.

Not much faith now

RECENTLY Russia refused visas to 12 Senators, and many Americans would have been amused that the Russians had not at the same time refused a visa to the official whose duty it is to make routine inspections of American Embassies abroad.

That seemed to be an insult without reason.

Bertrand Russell's gloomy speech at Amsterdam echoed the fears of an increasing number of Americans.

Russell said that the choice of war or peace lies with the Russians, who give every indication of being bent upon war.

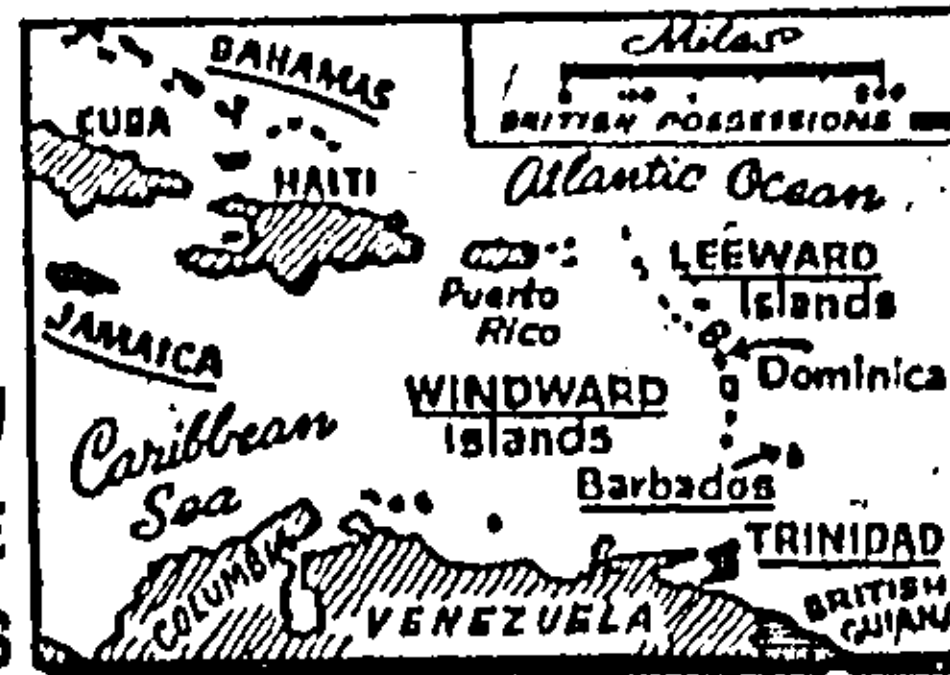
But with an uncertain hand upon the helm here the danger is doubled.

The cold-water war is already on, and fumbling in Washington may easily precipitate a hot-water war that nobody wanted to start.

Roosevelt had such confidence in the American people that he dared to tell them bluntly what to do, and they usually did it, swearing terribly but obeying.

Nobody has that much faith in democracy now, and for lack of it the danger of war is closing in.

IN JAMAICA'S
FAMED BEACH
RESORT THEY
ARE TRYING NOW
TO GROUP THE
WEST INDIES
INTO ONE UNIT UNDER ONE GOVERNMENT



This attitude of Bustamante followed the blunt declaration by a fellow delegate, Frank Pixley, member of Bustamante's party, to a thousand-strong crowd of yelling and screaming Jamaicans on the race-course. He said in no circumstances would he support a political federation, but would consider an economic federation in the interests of the trade and agriculture of Jamaica.

Federate!

MEANWHILE the Conference began with the Colonial Secretary urging the 3,000,000 inhabitants of the seven British West Indies colonies to merge under a single government.

Mr. Creech Jones said: "Local autonomy in the individual territories, federation, and full self government within the British Commonwealth—this must be the aim of our conference."

"I do not think that Britain will hesitate, once federation is realised, to concede this measure of full government inside the Commonwealth."

"Responsibility must pass increasingly from London to the people of the territories themselves. Nothing less than that is demanded in this modern world. If we delay then disaster will overtake us."

"Our conception of the constitution of the Colonial Empire today is that there must be dynamic organisations which can be adapted until they fulfil completely the requirements of the people."

A comeback?

JAMAICANS generally do not know what it is all about. They are all for it if it will put money in their pockets, and that holds good for practically every other island affected, too.

No one yet has worked out facts and figures to show what

federation, or even some sort of customs union, would mean in practice.

So far it is all a fairly straightforward matter of conflicting island interests and pride, but now enters the peculiarly West Indian problem of Bustamante, his friends, and enemies.

Facing the shockheaded Bustamante, who has reputedly made £15,000 through his work as leader secretary, treasurer and everything else of the Bustamante Industrial Trade Union (which claims 75,000 members), is Albert Gomes, member of the Executive and Legislative Councils of Trinidad.

Gomes once held great power in this oil island, which most justifies Jamaica's claim to be the only West Indian island that matters. Like many another politician, he lost it through promising too much. So he backs federation because he calculates that the wider field will give him an opportunity of a comeback.

Cinemas, too

NEITHER man stops at anything in expressing his opinion of the other.

Bustamante is by no means sure of winning another election in Jamaica and he knows that outside the island he is nobody.

If Bustamante can kill the political federation he will. If Gomes can secure political federation he will. Neither man has fully considered the long-term implications.

Another example of the type of consideration that will sway decisions at this conference more than the economic betterment of the islands is Mr. J. Arthur Rank's cinema empire.

Rank has recently bought up a chain of Jamaican cinemas. One delegate from another island is the owner of a big chain of cinemas there. He is going to demand full Dominion status for the islands, with a proviso that no foreign capital be permitted and all development be undertaken locally.

Against this background the delegates, after "refreshing" themselves with Jamaica's rum and fresh limes, started work.

THE STRANGEST BIT OF BRITAIN

By MAURICE

CHEESEWRIGHT

THE Monday morning feeling came a little early in Alderney. The "trippers"—Mr. Chuter Ede and his inquiry team—had gone home, and before I left this Channel Island the Saturday night talk in the Rose and Crown turned to the possible consequences.

There were some harsh words spoken, for Alderney is an island of bitterness. There every man blames his troubles on his neighbour—except when he is blaming the stranger, which he is doing now.

THE island is small—a strip of land three miles long. It feels like a raft at sea that a sheet of sail would carry away. In their talk the people have a way of hiding its smallness. A woman who lives a mile away from St. Anne, the only town, told me that she was "a stranger in these parts." A field lying half a mile from the town was "country district."

It has few flowers, fewer trees. Its attraction does not come from the earth's rich burgeoning. Nor does it come only from the cigarettes at 2d. for 1s. 3d., or the beer at 9d. a pint. Home Secretary Chuter Ede, who headed the Privy Council inquiry into the island's affairs, shuns them both—but before leaving he booked his room for next August. The spell is upon him.

Some of the people are bitter because Judge French, a conscientious man and the senior representative of the Crown, led them away in 1940 to the mainland. Frank Oulton, the only man who stayed during the occupation, was allowed to farm in peace by the Germans. Now others wish they had stayed.

MRS Jones is bitter because her sideboard is standing in Mrs. Brown's cottage. The furniture still remaining was distributed willy-nilly when the first islanders returned in November 1945.

People's Deputy Herivel is bitter because an army laundry which would have done all the washing for the island was sold in Guernsey for £150.

The Alderney States—the island's parliament—is bitter because they were refused an account of the £100,000 spent by the Home Office on rehabilitation. "We were told to mind our own business," says Lieutenant Judge Jurat le Cocq.

Almost all are bitter against the three resident strangers from Whitehall—the Farm Manager, the Civil Engineer, and the State Patrol—appointed to carry out rehabilitation under Judge French.

Perhaps the bitterness will not depart until the last traces of German occupation are stamped out.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

A SEAL which was kept in a bathroom for six weeks is to be sent to a zoo, in case it loses its instincts and habits.

I remember well the fuss about the Carver experiment. A Mrs. Carver kept a tame mackerel in her sitting-room. She made little boots for it, and took it for walks on a string. She even took it for a holiday to Brighton, but by then it had forgotten its old sea-life to such an extent that it fell off the pier one dark night, and, being no longer able to swim, was drowned.

'Tibetan Moonflower' (V.)

DINGHI-POOS languidly extended her exquisitely manicured hand to Mr. D. J. Mince. Mr. Mince was about to grasp it, English fashion. But Egham whispered "Kiss it." As he brushed the fingers clumsily with his lips he noticed, as he said afterwards, that "she seemed to be wearing a remarkably scanty evening dress, although it was only 10.30 in the morning." Egham and Dinghi-Poos then talked together, and Mr. Mince then talked down awkwardly on a pile of large cushions and consulted his papers. Presently he heard the lady say: "Your friend is the strong, silent type of Englishman, is he not?" He felt himself blushing, and when she said, "Come and talk to me," he approached the divan with the air of a schoolboy who is going to be birched. "You are shy," she said in a low voice. "Tell me about yourself." And then the clever woman talked to him about herself so interestingly that he thought he was being brilliant every time he uttered a monosyllable. Egham, watching the scene, began to grow angry. "What about a conference?" he asked. "There was no reply. Mr. D. J. Mince had become human. Dinghi-Poos was at her old tricks."

A curious incident

NINE HUNDRED ants, while waiting in a plane at the Detroit airport to be flown to Prestwick, laid eggs. The ants were not the property of anyone, and therefore no export licence could be applied for. Finally, more ants were brought to the plane, in the hope that they would remove the eggs for storage, in the normal manner. But they, too, laid eggs. The plane started, but as there was no import licence, the ants were not allowed to land. They were sent back to America, where, there being no import licence, they had to remain on the plane until they died.

There are grim relics. Graves of the Russian slave workers who died in the island with crosses thrust hastily into the ground by the departing Germans.

Prewar the island supported 1,416 people. Today there are 802, and they are finding it hard to pay their way. The granite quarry is closed. The cattle are reduced from 800 to 100.

Forty Essex and Tourgis, from which soldiers came to spend their pay, are no longer garrisons, and it is having a serious effect. Soldiers who married local girls were the island's main source of new blood.

Their Government is a democratic patchwork dating from Norman times. There are six Jurats who form the Court of Alderney. Once elected they serve until they are 70 years old.

The Douzaine consists of 12 elected Douzeniers, whose job is to assess the rate and "bound the birth-rate."

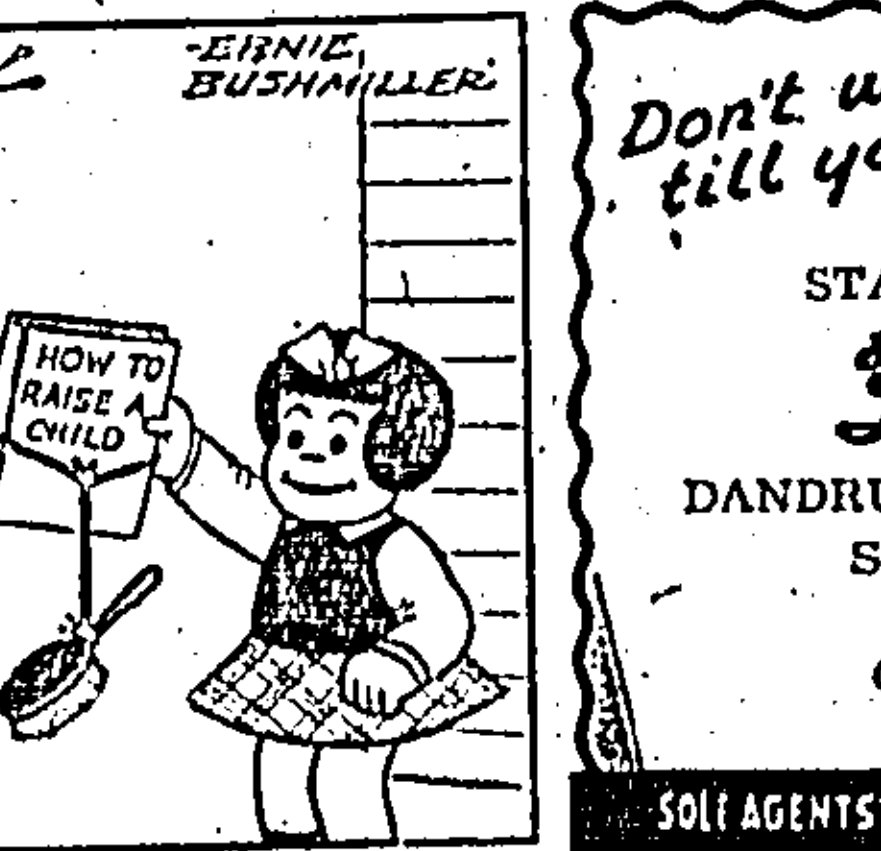
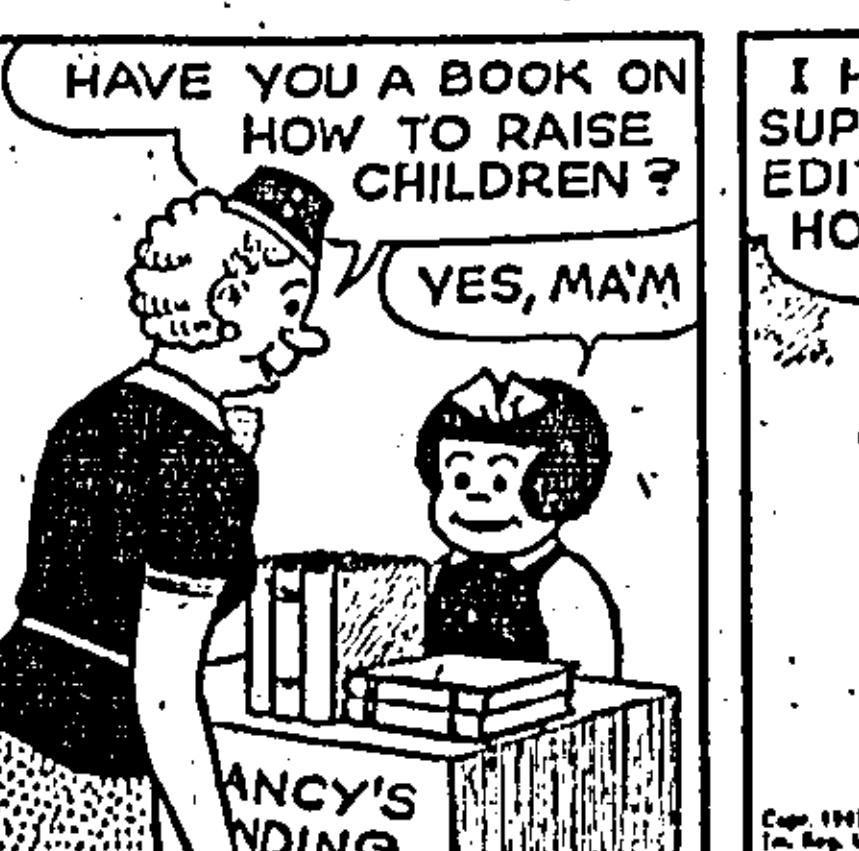
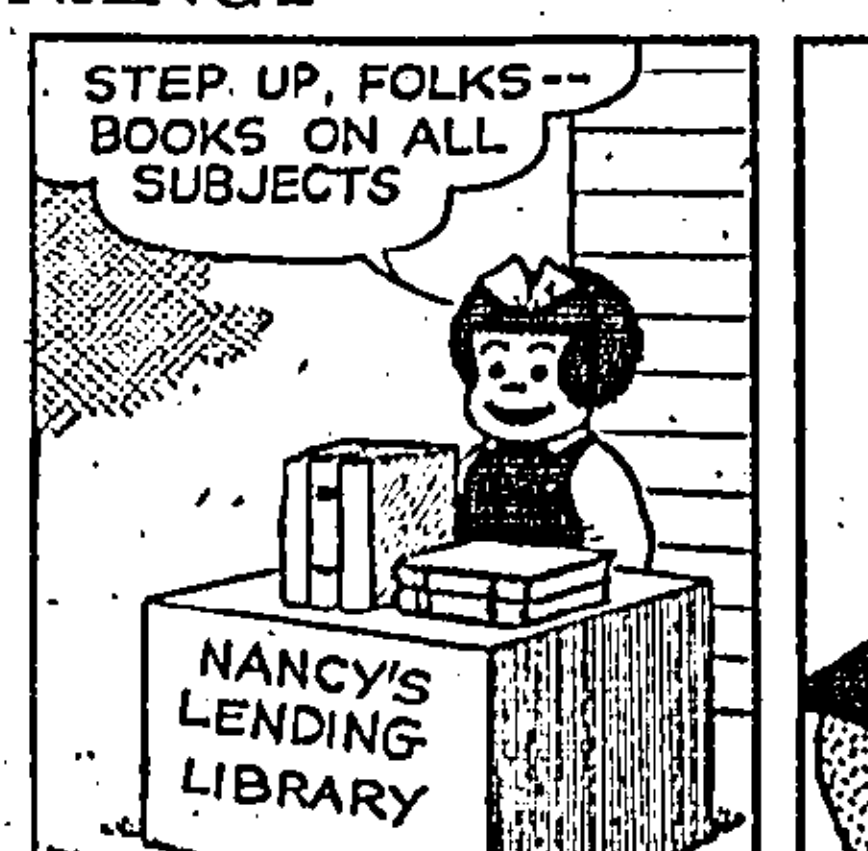
The Douzaine shares out the land and fixes the new boundaries. Thus the island has 300 landowners and only 18 farms.

There are three People's Deputies, whose job is to call the people together and explain Government projects. In the Rose and Crown on Saturday, Alderney folk said glumly that it looked as if these Deputies were going to be busy.

THERE is one large fly in their de-
mocratic cocktail that Mr. Chuter Ede will not have missed. The franchise is limited to owners of property worth five quarters (£100). Only 291 out of the prewar population of 1,416 were able to vote.

It is perhaps the only change that would be welcomed by the majority in Alderney. But they fear others. They know they are likely to need an injection of money, and when Whitehall pays the piper they are afraid that Whitehall may insist on its own favourite tune being played.

NANCY Persuasive Book



By Ernie Bushmiller

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By LOIS LEEDS



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For beautiful eyes, follow Lois Leeds' eye care plan.

EYE CARE

Always use a good eye lotion for cleansing the eyes. If you use creams and do not use soap and water, then an eye lotion is a necessity if only for cleansing.

Warm water, applied with a clean pad of absorbent cotton, is soothing to the eyes. Follow this with cold compresses. When you use eye lotions be sure that they are a nationally recognized product or one that is recommended to you by your druggist.

Always rest the eyes by closing them for a few minutes when you are doing some delicate work or during long hours of reading.

Use rich lubricating creams for the delicate dry tissue around the eyes. When applying creams or oils to this sensitive area look WAY UP, opening the eyes wide. This aids in tightening the tissue and exercising the eyes.

With the cushioned pads of the fingertips, pat and lightly "finger-print" the cream around the eyes. Press firmly but gently, using the

middle finger of the right hand. Smooth on your cream, using a motion from the outside corner of the eye in toward the nose.

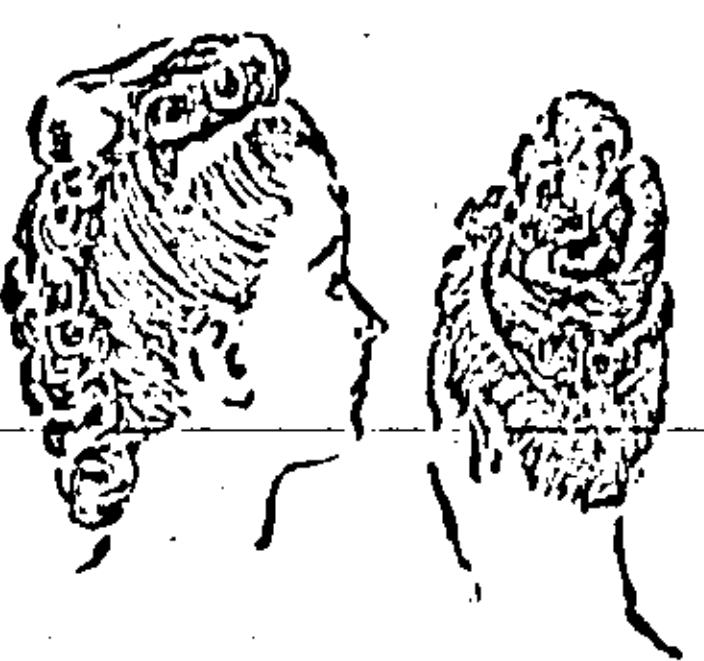
Place the second and third fingers of each hand over the eyebrows. Gently pull and press. Treat the thumbs just in front of the ears to balance the hands. Now, one, two, three. Repeat at least ten times.

Remove the cream with tissues, always working from the outside corner of the eyes in toward the nose. For smoothing out fine lines around the eyes, warm slightly some cosmetic oil or a good mineral or vegetable oil. Blend it with your cream. Always leave on a little of this mixture at night. In the morning change the eyes with eye lotion or with warm and cold water compresses.

Use eye pads for resting tired eyes. Those which must be soaked in warm milk or water are the most soothing. If you can take time out for a few minutes, cleanse face and throat, wash your eyes, smooth on some eye cream and, over this, apply a compress or eye pads.

Minute Makeups

by GABRIELLE



A bit of damp soap, rubbed on the hair, will give you a slick neckline. Those stray hairs will stay up! If your nose is large and broad, fluff the hair up and out at the center of the forehead. For the short, flat nose, blend a light shade of foundation right down the center of your nose. Do not use rouge too close to a too-large nose. Rouge will serve only to highlight its size. If you have a tip-tilted nose, don't chance it—it's cute!

THE ARROW IDEA



Latest accessory idea to enrich any suit is a belt-and-clip two-piece. The gilt arrow is held by a chain that is linked to a target on the wide leather belt.

SIDE GLANCES

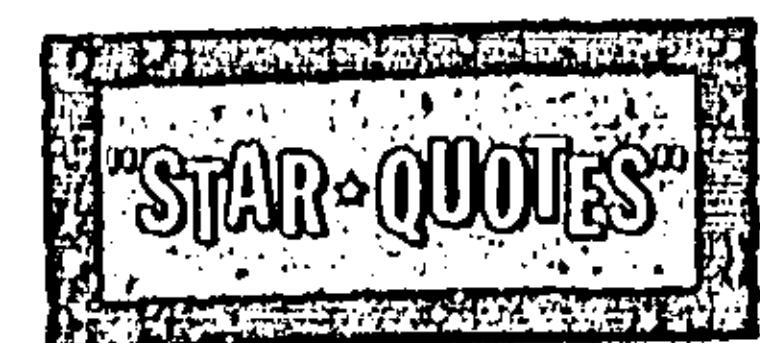
By Galbraith



"Oh, keep right on talking, Mrs. Jones—the children just turned the radio up so loud so they wouldn't hear you!"

Scientists To Scatter Atom's Nucleus In Research Experiment

University of Minnesota scientists, using a "tame" atom smasher, have embarked on an attempt to learn what holds matter together. By scattering the atom's nucleus—the world's smallest particle of matter—they hope to learn what matter is composed of.



OLGA SAN JUAN

answers this question:

"Do you have any complaints about the screen roles you have been cast in?"

IT is an embarrassing question, indeed. How you could think of any complaint by me, after the wonderful breaks they gave me at Paramount. I really don't know. Very few girls in Hollywood had the chance I had in "Blue Skies." That is of singing with Bing Crosby and dancing with Fred Astaire.

I am only twenty and have been in the movies only for four years. But, yes, I do have a little complaint. It seems that my movie life always ends up behind a laugh. They just don't let me take romance seriously.

Comedy And Love

In my first picture "Caribbean Cruise," my screen heart interest was Jimmy Lydon, the former kid in the Henry Aldrich comedy series. In "Rainbow Island" I was given a good role and a big love scene with Eddie Bracken, and they all agreed it was very, very funny. In "Blue Skies" too I had a love story, with Billy De Wolfe, the inimitable comic, as my "Big Moment."

But do they ever make me an item with Alan Ladd, Van Johnson, Gregory Peck or a dreamboat man like that?

No, with me love's got to be a funny thing. There are plenty of comedy sequences in my next picture too, "Variety Girl," an inside-Hollywood story in which I play one of the leads—with my hair blonde, too—along with Mary Hatcher and DeForest Kelley. Practically everyone else on the lot—Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Gary Cooper, Alan Ladd, Dorothy Lamour, Veronica Lake and many others—is in the cast.

Likes New Role

In one sequence of "Variety Girl," for example, William Bendix shoves a half grapefruit in my face; in another scene, Billy De Wolfe splashes me with a greasy sauce and all sorts of cooking ingredients. In the finale, I faint repeatedly into Bob Hope's arms, which is nice work even when he has to drag you off stage and let you down hard.

But all together I am crazy about my role in "Variety Girl"—it's so different from anything I have ever done. No black hair, no latin puppet, no rumba, no sambo. That doesn't sound like a complaint, does it?

(Tomorrow—Douglas Dick)

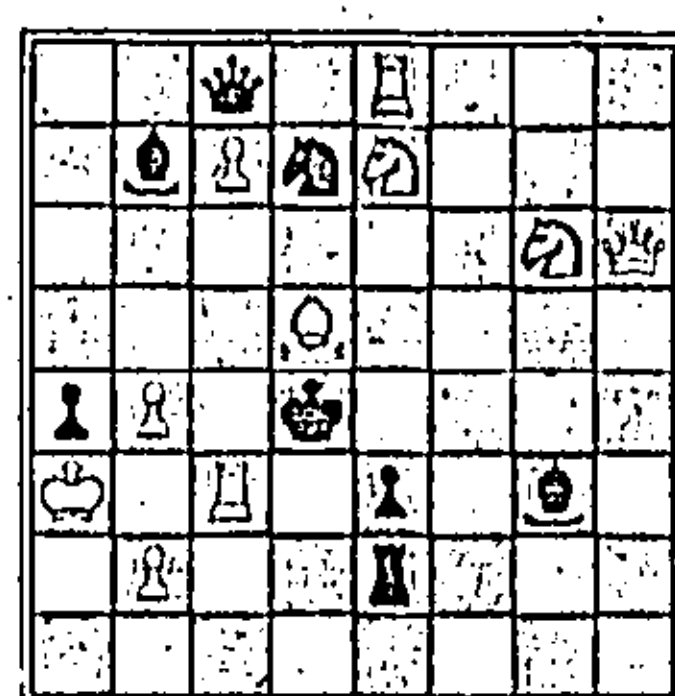
Malaya Housing Development

Malaya's first housing estate for poorer members of the community, "Kampung Sate," has been opened in Kuala Lumpur.

Lady Gent, wife of the Governor of the Malayan Union, cut a red tape in the presence of the Sultan of Selangor and other officials to open the development, which consists of 220 prefabricated dwellings erected on former waste land.—Associated Press.

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. K. ELWORTHY
Black, 8 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. P-Q5. 1... B x P; 2. R-K4; 1... B-B4; 2. R-K-K8.

For their experiments, designed to shed light on a hitherto uncharted field of physics, the scientists will use a 5,000,000-volt electrostatic generator, most powerful of its type in America and similar to the atom smasher which helped to produce the atomic bomb.

Dr. John Williams, atomic scientist who played an important part in developing the atomic bomb during the war, heads the project.

Williams said that none of the scientists knows exactly what reactions will result when the nucleus—the heart of the atom—is scattered by driving it at terrifically high speeds against atoms of helium, nitrogen and other gases.

Pure Research

"We are interested in this as pure research to further our understanding of atomic and nuclear energy," Williams said. "This approach differs from that used in applied research, where commercial adaptations are sought after the basic facts are known."

He said, however, that successful conclusion of the tests would add much to the world's knowledge of nuclear formation, and that practical application of such knowledge would be a logical second step. He thought it would take about a year to complete the tests.

The 36-foot generator for the experiment is capable of producing a voltage nearly 1,000,000 volts, greater than ever produced before by a similar machine. Test results will be accurately recorded on a special 10-channel "discriminator board," a complicated control assembly that will count the number of pulses of energy given off by each "bullet" particle driven into the target chamber where the receiving atoms are located.

Complete Control

The control panel will give scientists complete control over the entire process for the first time. The thousand man hours of work went into the project, and the generator now is capable of accelerating the "bullets" up to 20,000 miles per second, or one-tenth the velocity of light.

"At this speed, nuclei have enough energy so that when they collide with other atoms, they are split off or smashed," Williams said. "This will enable us to study the methods of smashing so that we can get a true picture of what actually holds matter together and what matter is composed of."—United Press.

CANADIAN AID TO EUROPE

Finance Minister Douglas C. Abbott of Canada, back in Ottawa from Europe, told a press conference that Canada was "leading the parade" in helping European recovery. But he said that he did not see how she could extend further credits beyond the \$2,000,000,000 already granted.

"Canada cannot go on indefinitely selling on credit," Abbott said. "We have had our Marshall plan going for a year. Now someone else has got to do it, or Europe is going to collapse in chaos. But these European countries are not going to be able to pay for food and equipment for two or three years."—Associated Press.

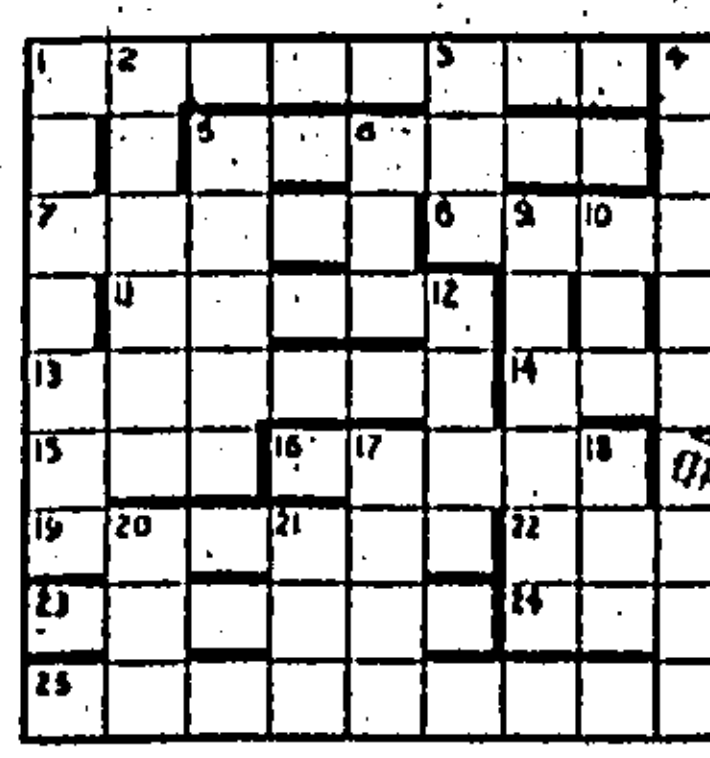
Rupert and the Three Guides—4



Rupert and the three Guides pause to make their plans. "Let's go straight to the thickest part of the wood. The squirrels seemed to be making a big fuss," says Janet. The curly Guide, But Beryl, who has a white stripe on her pocket and looks rather important, has another idea. "We should cover more ground if we separated," she says. "You, Rupert, can choose which way you'd like to search, and we three will go off, each in a different direction."

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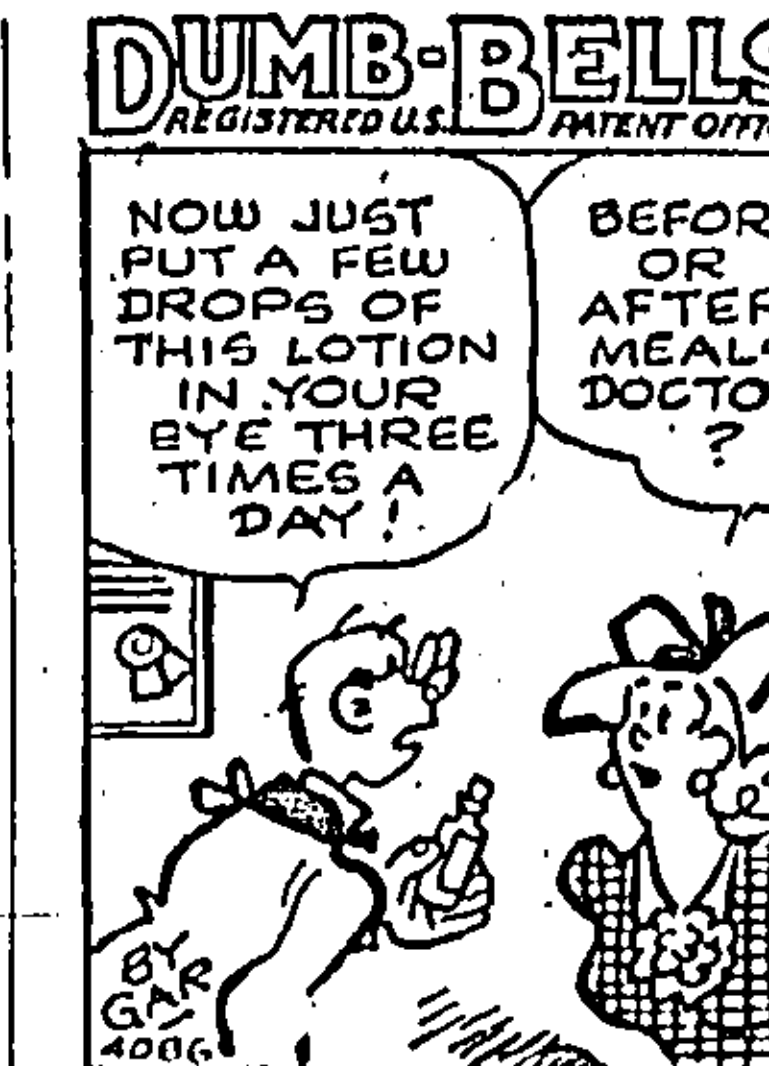
CROSSWORD



Across:
1. Fool discontent. (5)
2. This is illegal. (5)
3. See the pond backwards. (4)
4. Apartment. (5)
5. Fit for ploughing. (6)
6. This month is found on the Northumberland coast. (5)
7. She is in universal demand. (3)
8. Err. (3)

Down:
9. Reflection, on a 21st birthday? (6)
10. See 1 Down. (5)
11. See 10 Down. (5)
12. Pressure. (5) 24. Hatched. (3)
25. He makes the pages cost. (6)
Down:
1 and 19. On receipt of this you must produce the body. (6, 6)
2. The dawn. (6)
3. It certainly makes things easier to work. (3)
4. The type of stinner that brings a treat. (10)
5. Competitor. (5)
6. Sup this for a meal. (3)
7. Made up from one rag. (5)
8. You may hear him in a howling wind. (3)
9. Zeta differently. (4)
10. Ponder. (4)
11. The same as 22 Across. (3)
12. Optics, without the bucket. (3)
13. Enquiry. (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across: 1. Discontent; 2. Porcelain; 3. Appeal; 4. Noisy; 5. Niece; 6. Niece; 7. Noisy; 8. Niece; 9. Niece; 10. Niece; 11. Niece; 12. Niece; 13. Niece; 14. Niece; 15. Niece; 16. Niece; 17. Niece; 18. Niece; 19. Niece; 20. Niece; 21. Niece; 22. Niece; 23. Niece; 24. Niece; 25. Niece.



McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Double Often Tells Where Strength Is

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

♠ J 9 7 3	♥ K J 9 6 5	♦ K 8	♣ Q 7
♠ A K 10 8	♥ 7 4 2	♦ 3	♣ 8 6 5
N	W	E	S
♠ 6 5	♥ 3	♦ 10 4 2	♣ J 3 2
Dealer			
♠ A Q 9 7 6 5	♥ A K 10 9 4		
Tournament—Neither vul.			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	3 ♠	3 N.T.	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Double
Opening—♠ K			

A FEW years ago bridge was considered a winter pastime, but now tournaments are held every month of the year. The schedule includes a tournament to be held in Florida beginning Aug. 20.

One of the players who can be counted upon to make a good showing in that event is William Seamon of Miami Beach, who gave me today's hand.

In commenting on the hand, Seamon said: "When you get your opponents into a bad contract, why not let them 'stew in their own juice'? I doubt if there is a player in the country who would make six diamonds on this hand if East does not double."

With four trumps to the jack-ten, East naturally thought that he would make a trump trick, and his partner's spade bid led him to believe that his side would make a spade trick.

However, when West held the first trick with the king of spades, it was not difficult for declarer to see that East had nothing to double on, except all of the trumps.

West shifted to a heart, declarer won, led the five of diamonds to dummy's king, then let the eight of diamonds from dummy and took the finesse.

If East had not doubled, it is certainly most unlikely that South would have let the eight of diamonds ride.

Check Your Knowledge

1. Into what countries of Europe do the Alps extend?
2. Name the smallest species of duck.
3. Did Spain participate in World War I?
4. Name the Semite languages.
5. When and by whom was the first type of modern torpedo developed?
6. What novel by Charles Dickens records his father's imprisonment for debt?

(Answers on Page 4)

SHOWING TO-DAY

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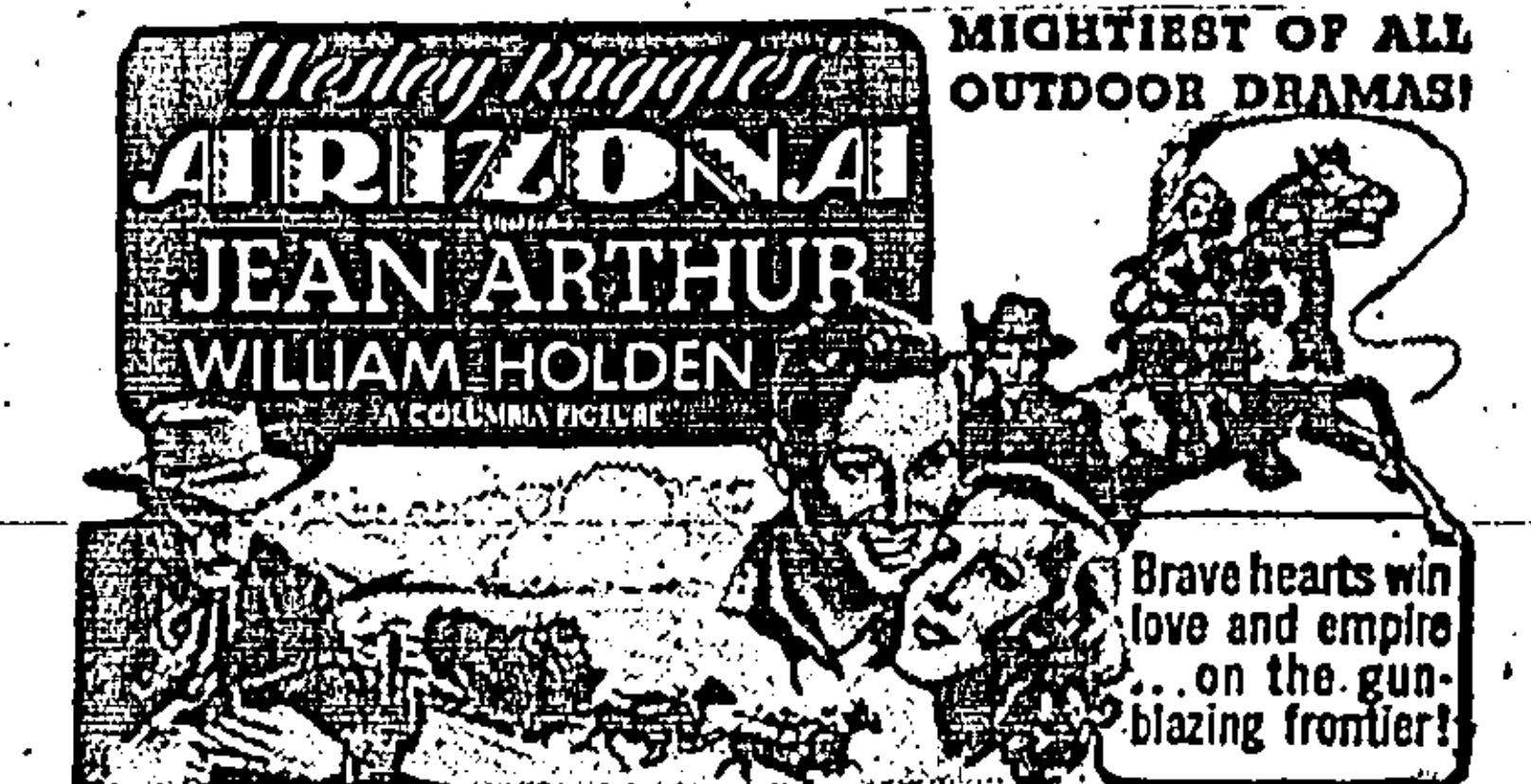
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Stalin Prepared To Meet Western Powers Half Way

London, Oct. 23.—Mr Konni Zilliacus said today that Premier Josef Stalin told an unofficial delegation of British Labour Members of Parliament that the establishment of the Cominform (Communist Information Bureau) did not alter Russia's desire to mend her relations with the United States and Britain.

Mr Zilliacus, "rebel" Left wing Labourite, led a delegation of eight which called on Premier Stalin at his villa hideaway high in the Caucasian foothills overlooking the Black Sea, at Sochi, on October 14.

He said Stalin reported that Russia was willing to go half way in meeting the Western democracies "regardless of any differences in economic and social systems." Stalin denied the Cominform was a revival of the Comintern (Communist International). "It would be stupid to try to turn back the wheel of history," Zilliacus quoted Stalin as saying.

Zilliacus decided to release Stalin's comments on the Cominform after publication of a speech made by Andrei Zhdanov, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist party, at the foundation meeting in Poland.

Zilliacus said he asked Stalin whether the founding of the Cominform was to be regarded in any case as a revival of the Comintern and a desire of the Communist parties to Sovietise Europe. He asked what the Soviet policy was in relation to the new organisation.

While hesitating to quote Stalin word for word, Zilliacus said this was an almost exact quotation of what the Generalissimo replied.

"To attempt to form a Communist International would be an utopian enterprise, and Communists are not utopians. The Cominform was created after the first World War when the Communist parties had just begun to appear. It played its part in establishing connections between the workers of different countries and helped to develop leaders among the workers themselves."

Situation Different

"But today the situation is different. In a number of countries the powerful representatives of large sections of the population, they have great responsibilities, are deeply rooted in their own countries and are led by strong and able men."

"It would be exotic and utopian to direct such parties from any common centre. Therefore, there is no reason for the establishment of the Communist International. It would be stupid to try to turn back the wheel of history."

"As I understand the declaration of the nine Communist parties, it means that the Communists of those

countries work together, on one hand to improve the conditions of the working class and common people generally, and on the other hand to defend the independence and sovereignty of their countries. As for the Soviet policy, the declaration of the nine Communist parties does not in any way change and cannot change the policy of the Soviet Union. The policy of the Soviet Union remains as it always has been—the improvement of political and economic relations with all countries, beginning with the United States and Great Britain."

Would Go Half Way

"If these countries wish to improve their relations with the Soviet Union they will be welcome, and the Soviet Government would be prepared to go half way to meet them regardless of any differences in economic and social systems, since experience has proved that co-operation between countries with different economic and social systems is quite possible."

"On the other hand, if they do not at present wish to improve their relations with the Soviet Union, the Soviet Union will have to carry on without such co-operation until such time as they come to their senses and realise that international co-operation in the world today is necessary."

"We can wait. We are a patient people."

Zilliacus said Stalin agreed that Britain as a world power must have good political relations with the United States, but was puzzled why she did not also try to develop her trade with Eastern Europe to insulate herself against the shock of another world slump.

Third World War

Zilliacus said Russian officials and citizens alike sincerely believe the United States may provoke a third World War, but he declined to say to what extent, if any, this view was shared by Stalin and the Soviet Foreign Ministry.

The eight Labourites talked with Stalin for two hours, and with Vyacheslav Molotov for three hours. They also had long conversations with officials and workers in Yugoslavia, Poland and Czechoslovakia during their 27-day 7,000-mile tour of Eastern Europe.

Zilliacus said he found even greater concern in the three smaller countries over the possibility of an American-provoked third World War. Trade union officials, government officials and plain citizens in all four countries took him aside, Zilliacus said, and asked him bluntly: "Do you think there will be another war?"

He said he found no evidence anywhere in Eastern Europe of any preparations for another war. He and his fellow Parliamentarians motored up a winding mountain road to Stalin's modest villa in the Caucasian foothills.

Stalin's Villa

"We saw two policemen along the road but no troops," Zilliacus said. "There also were a couple of police guards at the gate entrance to the estate. They scrutinised us and then admitted our car."

"We parked our car at the bottom of a short flight of steps leading to a stucco two-storeyed Russian-style villa. Entering the door we found ourselves in a small hallway panelled in light Caucasian wood. There was an old fashioned hat stand with Stalin's well-known hat and field marshal's coat hanging on it."

"We were ushered into a medium-sized room off the hall, sparsely furnished but with excellent pieces. Stalin was standing by the window. He was wearing a plain gray tunic which is seen in almost all his pictures. I advanced and, in continental style, mentioned my name 'Zilliacus' and offered my hand. He replied 'Stalin' and we shook hands. He smilingly greeted other members of the delegation."

Zilliacus said Stalin appeared a bit formal at first but soon warmed up, and towards the end was laughing and joking with the delegation. Stalin, who seemed in excellent health, was calm throughout and did not hesitate or fumble. After a two-hour talk Stalin accompanied Zilliacus and the other members of the delegation to their car.—United Press.

CYCLONE STOPS AIR SERVICES

Rangoon, Oct. 23.—All air services linking Rangoon with Calcutta and Singapore were suspended today owing to a cyclonic storm raging off the Burmese coastline. It was officially stated here today.

Burmese Internal Airways planes were also grounded. The BAO flying boat, carrying the Prime Minister, Thakun Nu, and his party from London, were therefore held up at Calcutta. They are now expected to reach here tomorrow when Thakun Nu is scheduled to reveal details of the Anglo-Burmese treaty.—Reuters.

Russia Out To Smash Aid Plan

Moscow, Oct. 23.—The Soviet leader, Andrei A. Zhdanov, told chiefdoms of European Communism last month that Russia would make every effort to defeat the Marshall plan as a counter to America's "predatory expansionist" anti-Soviet policy, the Communist Party newspaper, Pravda, reported yesterday.

The text of M. Zhdanov's speech at the meeting in Poland, where the Cominform (Communist Information Bureau) was founded, said that the Soviet Union, however, was prepared to live in peace for a "prolonged period" with the capitalist states provided they met their international obligations.

Pravda devoted two of its four pages to an 8,000-word text of the speech.

Wants Peace

M. Zhdanov told the other 17 delegates to the Cominform that Russia was the "most favourable condition" for the construction of a Communist society, adding that the United States already was waging ideological warfare against the Soviet Union to prepare the way for a new shooting war.

He charged that ideological warfare, military preparations and economic expansion were the three sides of America's strategic plan. Within this framework, M. Zhdanov declared, the Marshall plan was designed to enslave Western Europe, to prevent the industrialisation of Eastern Europe and to resurrect Germany as an anti-Soviet power.

He asserted: "Disclosure of the American plan for the economic enslavement of European countries is rendered by the foreign policy of the Soviet Union and continues to be the Soviet Union, it will make every effort to see to it that this plan is not realised."

Foreign Aid

Mr Zhdanov said the Marshall plan, in addition to aiding Europe, tended to protect the United States against an economic depression.

"Unless European countries obtain American credits, the demand of those countries for American goods will be reduced, which will accelerate and intensify the economic crisis approaching in the United States," he said.

"For this reason if European countries display the necessary attitude and readiness to resist America's enslaving credit terms, America will be forced to retreat."

He said Russia had no objection to the use of foreign aid, and specifically to American credits in Europe providing "enlightenment" was not part of the arrangement, but he also urged countries of Europe to reconstruct their own economies from within as far as possible. He warned against a "new Munich" caused by appeasing the United States.

It was reported from Warsaw that M. Zhdanov admitted that Russia was not yet in possession of the atomic bomb—that America has a temporary monopoly.—United Press.

HANGCHOW FIRE

Nanking, Oct. 23.—A fire broke out in Hangchow at a ferry wharf this afternoon, and in three hours burnt down over 20,000,000 Chinese dollars.

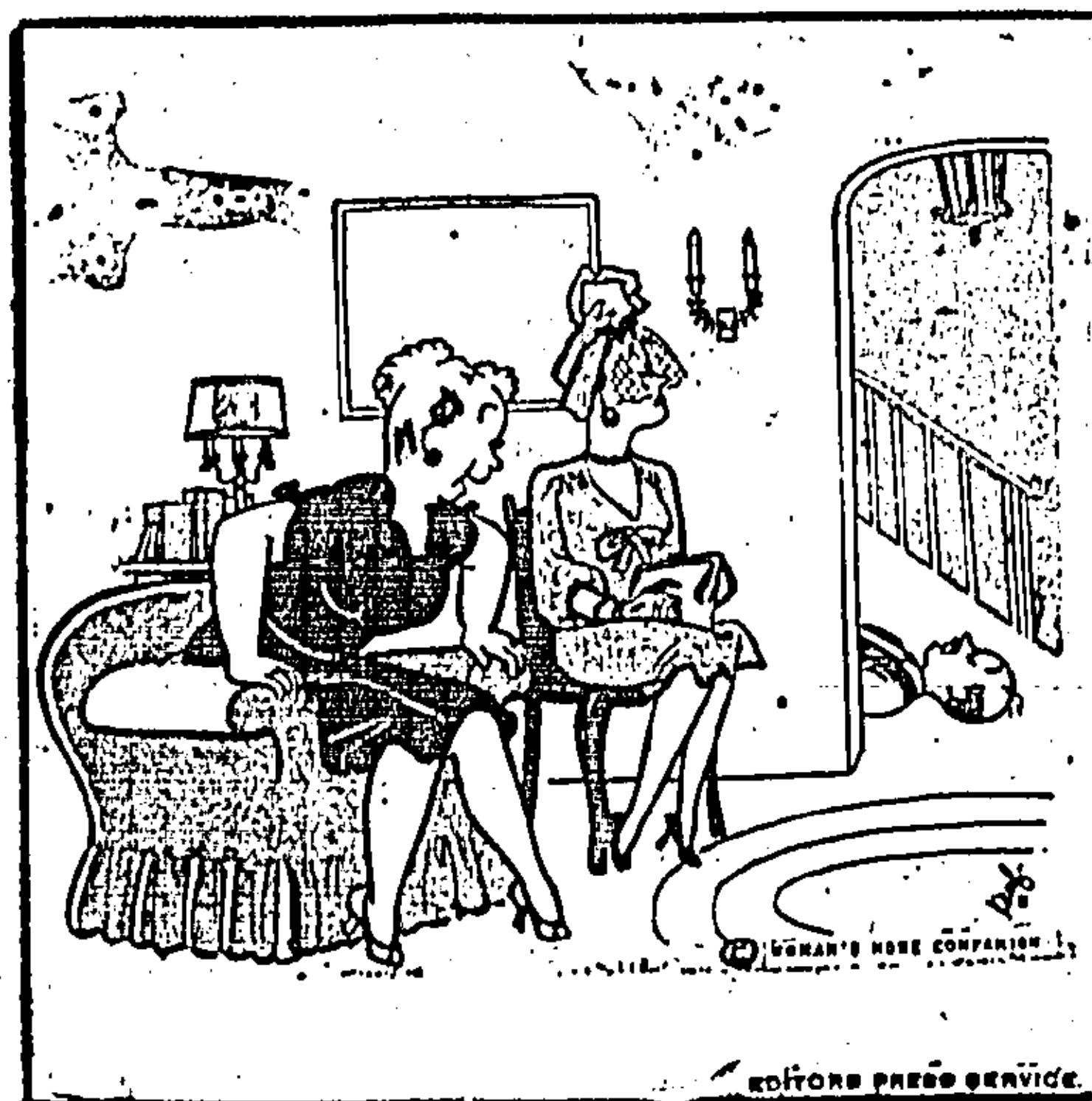
Hangchow is the terminus of the Nanking-Shanghai railway.—Reuters.

TO-DAY'S BROADCAST

6. Studio: Children's Half Hour: 6.30; New Mayfair Orchestra; 7. Studio: "You asked for it, Variety Request Programme" (Presented by Monica Jackson); 8. 12.30: Home News and Home News; 8.15: Studio: A Vocal Recital by Celia Hodgman (Soprano) with Piano accompaniment by Betty Brown; 8.35: Violin Solos by Joseph Hassid; 8.45: Studio: George Gershwin's "The Beach Boys & Ma" (Vocal); 9.05: Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto in G Minor; Op. 25; Anla Derman (Piano) and London Symphony Orchestra; 9.25: Mozart's "Don Giovanni" Act 2. Principal Chorus and Orchestra from the Glyndebourne Opera; 10. London Hay News; 10.30: Weather Report; 10.31: "Don Giovanni" Continued; 11. Close Down.

BBC PROGRAMME

Transmission of the BBC General Overseas Programme which can be heard in Hongkong this evening, 7.30: 10.30: Current Affairs; 11.00: Expert and F.E.B.'s discussion group leader tackle a topic in the news; 10.15: At Your Service; 11.00: The News; 11.15: Home News from Britain; 11.30: Kentucky Minstrels A. black-faced minstrel show; 12.00: From To-day Papers; 12.10: Interlude; 12.15: Dancing Through; 12.30: The News; 12.35: Programme Announcements; 12.45: "Jaws A Go!" 12.45: Production of a talk by William Holt; 1.00: Radio News; 1.15: Invitation To The Waltz. An adaptation of Thomas Mann's novel by Mabel Constanduros; 1.15: Programme Announcements; 1.20: "Forces Prom"; 1.30: Concerto No. 1 in B flat minor, Egon Petz (piano) with the London Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Walter Goehr; Debussy's "Clair de Lune" (arr. Stokowski); Philadelphia Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski (gramophone records); 1.45: The News; 1.50: News; 1.55: World Affairs; a talk by Professor E. H. Carr; 1.55: Shipmates Ashore.



Bradman Rejects £1,000 From London-Newspaper

Adelaide, Oct. 23.—Don Bradman has rejected an offer of £1,000 to write for a London Sunday newspaper and has publicly stated that "no sum will tempt him to write provocative articles."

Bradman made this announcement in a letter to the press tonight in a reply to a statement published by a Sydney sports commentator, who said that Bradman had been offered £1,000 by a London Sunday newspaper for four 1,500-word articles after the fifth test match in England next year.

Bradman declared that one of the terms was that the articles should have a "slightly provocative touch."

The writer alleged that Bradman considered the offer for a few days then turned it down.—Reuters.

Indian Team Changes

C. T. Sarwate joined the Indian cricket team tonight and he will play against South Australia in the match beginning here tomorrow.

Three changes are being made from the side which played at Perth. Sarwate, Nayudu and Sen replacing Rangnekar, Amir Elahi and Irani.

A cut on Rangnekar's little finger has reopened and, though it is not serious, it is sufficient to inconvenience his batting.

Amir Elahi has a slightly swollen knee and it was thought inadvisable to risk playing him in the present weather and wicket conditions.

Thus the Indian team will be: Mankad, Adilkhani, Kishenchand, Hazare, Amarnath, Gul Mohamed, Sohoni, Nayudu, Sarwate, Phadkar and Sen. Rangnekar will be the twelfth man.

Sarwate arrived fit and cheerful despite his five days in the hospital and he is eagerly looking forward to playing against Don Bradman and his men.

Robbed Of Practice

Once again the Indians were robbed of effective practice when overnight rain ruled out the proposed visit to the nets this morning. The afternoon work was also held up for 20 minutes by a heavy shower.

The Indians carried on afterwards although the turf was very soft. The match wicket is completely covered overnight and whenever there is rain it is expected to be slow, but probably not as soft and treacherous as at Perth.

Today the weather was abnormally bleak and wintry for this time of the year, and further scattered showers are forecast. Amarnath, on behalf of the Indian team, today laid a wreath on the State War Memorial in memory of the "gallant Indian comrades" at an El Alamein Day commemorative service.—Reuters.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

London, Oct. 23.—The probable rain and jockey in the Cambridgeshire Handicap to be run over a mile and a furlong at Newmarket next Wednesday, October 23, will be:

Vagabond II (W. Johnstone), Fairly Fulmar (T. Gosling), Cluro (Gordon Richards), Royal Tara (Michael Beary), Merry Quip (Tommy Weston), Tite Street (Walter Evans), Fine Prospect (Charlie Smirke), Roi d'Atout (no jockey), Master Vote (T. Sidebottom), Fast Soap (Dennis Dillon), Joan's Star, Lightship II (no jockey), Mighty Mahatma (Britt), Dancing Flame (W. H. Carr), Ouragon (Buypacker), Early Harvest (Kenneth Gehlin), Some (C. Spade), Toronto (no jockey), Golden Chance (F. Durr), Wild Child (Eph Smith), Coup d'Etat II (no jockey), All Red (Cliff Richards), Wood Chat (Billy Nevett), Domino (Joe Sims), Lord Nelson (W. Smith), Admiral's Yarn (Douglas Smith), Garter Blue (H. Smith), Press Hard (no jockey), Hothelwynd (Harry Pocham), Abouhenhedem (Harry Pocham), Portmanteau (no jockey), Glass Case (Percy Evans), Manoeuvre (no jockey), Porter's Chance (Jack Sirett), Red Flag (D. Greening), Lawsuit (R. Potter).—Reuters.

HIGH JUMP RECORDS

London, Oct. 23.—The British Amateur Athletic Board today proved high jumps of six feet and a half inches by Bill Vessie of Columbia University, New York, and Alan Paterson of Glasgow as the new British records. Both marks were made in the Glasgow track meet on August 2.—United Press.

WOODCOCK'S INJURY

London, Oct. 23.—Swedish heavyweight Nasse Andersson may be counted out as Bruce Woodcock's next opponent because of an eye injury suffered by the British champion.

Jack Solomon announced on Wednesday that Woodcock, who also holds the European title, would return to the ring on November 17, probably against the Swede, who lost to Woodcock last year.

Woodcock got a piece of grit in his eye while working in a quarry at Doncaster, and it became inflamed. He will come to London this week-end to see an eye specialist and will probably fight instead on December 9.—Associated Press.

BELEST SOCCER

Belfast, Oct. 23.—Ireland's soccer team to meet England at Everton on November 5, is as follows:

Hinton (Fulham), Martin (Leeds United), Carey (Manchester United), Walsh W (Manchester City), Verner (West Bromwich Albion), (captain), Farrell (Everton), Cochrane (Leeds United), Smythe (Wolverhampton Wanderers), Walsh D (West Bromwich Albion), Doherty (Huddersfield), and Eglington (Everton).

The reserves will be: Ahearn (Belfast Celtic), and Stevenson (Everton).

There are no new caps. The team shows two changes from the side which beat Scotland 2-0 at Belfast. Carey and Doherty—who were originally chosen against Scotland, but dropped out through injury—replacing Ahearn and Stevenson.—Reuters.

RUGBY RESULTS

London, Oct. 23.—The following are results of rugby football games played tonight:

Rugby Union: Newport 4; Australia tourists 8. County championship: Warwickshire 16; Leicestershire 5; Bedford 11; Cambridge University 6.—Reuters.

Hunt For Beast

Paris, Oct. 23.—Parties were being organised today to hunt down a strange gorilla-like beast reported to have been terrorising the inhabitants of villages near Melun, 25 miles south of Paris, during the past week, the French Press reported.

The beast was first seen swinging through a forest near Melun by children who said it was wearing shoes and a red overcoat.—Reuters.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers
1. Switzerland, France, Italy, Germany and Austria. 2. The teal. 3. No. She remained neutral. 4. Hebrew, Arabic, Syriac and Assyrian. 5. In 1800 by Robert Whitehead, a Scottish engineer. 6. "Little Dorrit."

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Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Canton and Chungking 3.30 p.m.
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Macao, Tainan and Shekhi (Sea) 1 p.m.
Canton (Train) 3 p.m.
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Kobe (Sea) 5 p.m.
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RUMOURS SWEEP TEHERAN

Teheran, Oct. 23.—High Foreign Office officials said today that Iran expected that the first Soviet reaction to the Majlis rejection of the Iran-Soviet oil pact would be the confiscation of Iran's 11 tons of gold deposited in the Soviet National Bank during the war.

Teheran was swept with rumours today that Russian forces have already massed near the Iranian border and minor skirmishes have taken place near Julfa and Arak.

General Razmara, Chief of Staff, said the reports were unfounded and "there is no reason for alarm."—United Press.

Overwhelming Vote

Teheran, Oct. 23.—The Iranian Parliament has voted Premier Ghassem es Sultaneh's oil agreement with Russia. Parliament today nullified the 1946 agreement by a vote of 102 to 2.

The agreement provided for oil exploitation in five northern provinces by a joint Russo-Iranian company. Parliament instructed the government to undertake its own exploitations and discuss sale of oil to Russia if any is found. It also told the government to discuss increasing Iran's profits from Anglo-Iranian oil operations.—Associated Press.

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